## **Rural STEM Program Fund**

In May 2017, the State Legislature passed and Governor Ducey signed <u>House Bill 2457</u>, amending Title 15, chapter 2, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding section 15-249.07. The Prime Sponsor of the bill was Representative Becky Nutt.

This legislation established the Rural STEM Program Fund for the purposes of supporting science, technology, engineering, and math programs in rural schools. A rural school that receives funding must demonstrate that a school's STEM program meets the academic standards for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, as adopted by the State Board of Education.

The Department of Education shall administer the fund and establish a process for rural schools to apply for grants from the rural STEM program fund. The fund consists of monies appropriated by the legislature and grants, gifts, and donations from any public or private source. At this time, insufficient funds have been received to administer this grant program. If you would like to donate to this fund, please send donations via check payable to the following:

Arizona Department of Education c/o Rural STEM Fund 1535 W Jefferson Street, Bin #1 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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